

unable to pay the fees and costs of the proceedings and shall further submit a certification signed by an authorized officer of the institution certifying (1) the amount presently on deposit in the prisoner's prison account and, (2) the greatest amount on deposit in the prisoner's prison account during the six-month period prior to the date of the certification.").

Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* will be denied without prejudice. While plaintiff has submitted his prisoner account statement, the statement has not been certified by the appropriate prison official. Therefore, the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is incomplete. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2); *see also* L.Civ.R. 81.2(b). To the extent that plaintiff asserts that correctional officials have refused to certify his prisoner account statement, any such assertion must be supported by an affidavit detailing the circumstances of plaintiff's request for a prison official to certify his prisoner account statement and the correctional officials' refusal to comply, including the dates of such events and the names of the individuals involved.

Even if a prisoner is granted *in forma pauperis* status, he must pay the full amount of the filing fee. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). In each month that the amount in the prisoner's account exceeds \$10.00, until the \$350.00 filing fee is paid, the agency having custody of the prisoner shall assess, deduct from the prisoner's account, and forward to the Clerk of the Court, payment equal to 20 % of the preceding month's income credited to the prisoner's account. *See id.* § 1915(b)(2).

Plaintiff may not have known when he submitted his complaint that he must pay the filing fee, and that even if the full filing fee, or any part of it, has been paid, the Court must dismiss the case if it finds that the action is: (1) frivolous or malicious; (2) fails to state a claim

upon which relief may be granted; or (3) seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. *See id.* § 1915(e)(2)(B); *see also id.* § 1915A(b).

If the plaintiff has, on three or more prior occasions while incarcerated, brought an action or appeal in a court that was dismissed on any of the grounds listed above, he cannot bring another action *in forma pauperis* unless he is in imminent danger of serious physical injury. *See id.* § 1915(g).

As plaintiff has neither pre-paid the filing fee nor submitted a complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the Clerk will be ordered to administratively close the case. However, plaintiff shall be given an opportunity reopen this action by either paying the filing fee or submitting a complete *in forma pauperis* application.

DATED: December 4, 2014

s/Robert B. Kugler
ROBERT B. KUGLER
United States District Judge